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Ogden, Utah.
Oct 22, 1929.

Major General Hugh L. Scott,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Scott, - Reading the enclosed newspaper clipping has led me to take the liberty of writing to you, asking for information concerning an old Indian medal in our possession, the photographs of the two sides of which are enclosed.

The medal was found in an old Indian burying ground in Nebraska about fifty years ago. It is of silver, measuring 2 7/8 inches

in diameter and about 1/4 inch thick, and is dated 1809.

We would like to sell it to some one who is collecting such objects. Do you know of a possible buyer? Do you know of any of the well-to-do Indians in the oil regions who may be collecting Indian relics?

Thanking you for any action you may take in this matter,

I am respectfully,

Mrs. Chas. H. Cole,

3158 Adams Ave - Ogden - Utah.

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Princeton N.J.
Oct 25th 1929

My dear Hodge:

I am sending you the enclosed letter from the West thinking you may know of a purchaser and the value of the medal - I had the pleasure of seeing Miss White & Dr Spinden at the Mohonk Conference the other day - I am much encouraged at the new appointments in the Indian Bureau - they and the Presidents are not at all political people I have told them that they

have an excellent chance to put politics and the Indian Service where they do not belong - also that if they do they will be the greatest Commissioners ever - if they do not they will only be another one of Commissioners to be kicked about like a foot ball like all their predecessors and will go back to Philadelphia with their tails between their legs - and I have shown them how it can be done -

Had a fight several days ago - a friend told me that Grinnell was very sick - I rushed up there horse-back found him navigating around his house all right - he said he was about recovered.

With best wishes for your health happiness Jane

Sincerely Yours

H. L. Scott

January 28, 1930

Mrs. Charles H. Cole
3158 Adams Avenue
Ogden, Utah

Dear Madam:

Your letter to Major General Scott was referred by him to Mr. Hodge of the Museum of the American Indian, who has asked us to reply to it.

The medal of which you sent a reproduction, is an Indian Peace Medal of President Madison, and its value so far as can be determined from your photograph, would be in the neighborhood of fifty dollars. If you still have this piece and if you are willing to accept this amount for it and will so inform me, I shall be glad to endeavour to find a purchaser for you. Our Museum does not desire the piece because we already have one.

If you accept the suggestion made above, you will please understand that the offer is subject to examination of the medal, and that it will be necessary for you to send it to us by registered mail.

Awaiting further word from you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Secretary.